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SUBJ: COACHES, REQUEST FOR BY GOP.

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1. PAKISTAN SPORTS BOARD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COACHES FOR MONTH BUT WILLINGLY ACCEPT FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD AUG 1-15. ANYTHING LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, THEY FEEL WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE AND PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE ACTIVATED.

2. AUGUST WEATHER HOTTEST WITH TEMPERATURES IN 100'S AND FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS BY U.S. STANDARDS NOT AVAILABLE AT TRAINING SITES WHERE ATHLETES AND COACHES WILL LIVE.

3. ATHLETES COMPETING FOR BERTHS ON BASKETBALL TEAM WILL TRAIN AND BE BILLETED ON PAKISTAN AIR FORCE BASE IN PESHAWAR WHILE TRACK AND FIELD, BOXING, TENNIS SCHEDULED FOR MILITARY CADET COLLEGE IN HASAN ABDAL 30 MILES FROM ISLAMABAD. ONE WAY DRIVING TIME FROM ISLAMABAD TO TRAINING SITE WOULD BE 40-50 MINUTES.

4. WHILE POSSIBLE FOR US COACHES COMMUTE TO AND FROM TRAINING SITES AND HAVE FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS, DEAN'S HOTEL IN PESHAWAR (BEST AVAILABLE) AND INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL RAWALPINDI, WE DOUBT PROPRIETY OF THIS

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SINCE OTHER COACHES FROM PRC, USSR, WEST GERMANY, JAPAN

AND ITALY AND POSSIBLY DPRK WILL LIVE WITH ATHLETES.
QUESTION INEVITABLY RAISED WHY AMERICANS NOT LIVING
WITH ATHLETES AS OTHER COACHES.

5. ACCOMMODATIONS MILITARY CADET COLLEGE QUITE GOOD BY
PAKISTANI STANDARDS. DEPENDING ON SIZE ROOM, TWO OR
THREE COACHES COULD SHARE. BATHROOMS SHARED. ROOMS NOT
AIR CONDITIONED BUT CEILING FANS AND ADEQUATE VENTILATION
SHOULD HELP. WATER NOT HEATED BUT TANKS ON ROOF WILL
ABSORB SUNSHINE. TUBE WELL WATER SUPPLY CONSIDERED
POTABLE. DISPENSARY, SWIMMING POOL AND HIGH DIVING
BOARD AVAILABLE. MEALS SHARED WITH ATHLETES IN COMMON
MESS HALLS.

6. HAVE NOT VISITED PAF BASE IN PESHAWAR BUT BELIEVE
ACCOMMODATIONS SIMILAR THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

7. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS OPPORTUNITY COACH TEAM SHOULD
BE TACKLED AS CHALLENGE. WE WILL DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO MAKE
VISIT PLEASANT AND COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE.
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